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## **CITIZENS' COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PUBLIC HEARING & FULL COMMITTEE MEETING**

Tuesday, March 26, 2019  
1 South Van Ness Avenue, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Atrium Conference Room  
San Francisco, CA 94103  
5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

### **MINUTES**

#### **1. Call to Order at 5:14 p.m.**

Committee Members Present: Clinton Loftman, Marc Vogl, Diana Kruze, Irene Riley, and Emma Kelsey.

City Staff Attendance: Brian Cheu (MOHCD), Mike King (MOHCD), David Walker (OEWD), and Tina Rose Novero (OEWD).

Public: 17 members of the public in attendance.

Brian Cheu welcomed members of the public and provided introductions, including a brief overview of the Committee. He asked audience members to consider joining (or referring others) to the Committee.

#### **2. Approval of Meeting Minutes**

- a. **Meeting minutes from March 12, 2019 were motioned by Irene Riley, seconded by Clinton Loftman, and approved unanimously by the Committee.**

#### **3. Director's Report (*Discussion Item*)**

- a. The City and County of San Francisco does not yet have its final allocation of HUD funds for 2019-20, but it does have information about the national HUD allocation. The national allocation shows CDBG funds staying flat, HOPWA and ESG funds slightly increasing, and HOME funds slightly decreasing.
- b. Brian Cheu provided an overview of the City's budget approval process, including how MOHCD would address funding increases or decreases. FY 2019-20 will be the fifth and final year of MOHCD's current five-year funding cycle. MOHCD will release a new Request for Proposals (RFP) in August 2019. That RFP will include both federal and local funding sources for community development services and projects.

#### **4. Committee Members' Report (*Discussion Item*)**

- a. None.

**5. Public Comment on Preliminary HUD Funding Recommendations and Action Plan for FY 2019-20**

Brian Cheu provided an overview of the draft 2019-20 HUD Action Plan, including goals and objectives from our current five-year Consolidated Plan. He introduced the Action Plan for public comment:

Fatimah Aure and Sharon Miller from Renaissance Entrepreneurship Center spoke. Their organization was able to buy its building and provide space for small businesses and nonprofits. They thanked the Committee for its support, especially for its investments in programming for immigrants and Spanish speakers.

Virginia Cheung (and colleagues) from Wu Yee Children's Services spoke. They thanked the Committee for its support, especially of childcare providers. They spoke about their small business development program, which has helped 205 small businesses and created hundreds of childcare slots. The need for high quality childcare is great among monolingual families. Their organization helps with business and housing plans for small business owners. They said that there is a need for more services to Hispanic and African American business owners.

Marcus Tartt (and colleague) from Renaissance Entrepreneurship Center spoke. They thanked the Committee for its support and explained the importance of small businesses in driving economic growth. Sam's Bar and Grill is the oldest African American owned bar and grill in California. When it was considering closing its doors, Renaissance Entrepreneurship Center provided a CPA, web designer, and other consultants to help stabilize its operations.

Tonia Stoski from On Lok spoke. She asked the Committee what it was thinking about doing for senior care in the future. Brian Cheu explained that MOHCD provides senior housing financing and wants to continue to build senior housing. MOHCD has heard that affordable housing is still not affordable for many seniors. MOHCD would like to explore how we can bridge that funding gap. The City's Department of Public Health (DPH) and Department of Aging and Adult Services (DAAS) also provide funding for senior services. Brian Cheu asked if there are gaps in DPH and DAAS funding that MOHCD could fill. Tonia said that she would like to explore with MOHCD how to provide services to seniors who may not income-qualify under DPH or DAAS programming.

Jessica Li from Wu Yee Children's Services spoke. She told the story of a childcare provider who relocated to an affordable housing development where she runs her business out of her home. Wu Yee Children's Services is looking for additional collaborative opportunities, possibly with Mercy Housing, to benefit other small business owners.

**The HUD funding recommendations and Action Plan for FY 2019-20 were motioned by Diana Kruze, seconded by Irene Riley, and approved unanimously by the Committee.**

Brian Cheu discussed recent focus groups he has attended as part of MOHCD's community engagement process. The focus groups included opportunities for monolingual Cambodians, transgender persons, and monolingual Samoans (among others) to share their needs with the City. Brian commented on the deep texture of the conversations afforded by these focus groups, and expressed how important it was for these populations to have that more intimate forum. He asked the Committee what MOHCD's role should be in helping these groups with their unique challenges.

**6. Public Comment**

- a. Diana Pang from Chinatown Community Development Center spoke. She advocated for increased investment in multi-racial organizing and healing. She encouraged the Committee to think about where its investments are going and to be intentional about who we serve.
- b. The Office of Economic and Workforce Development (OEWD) did not have the full list of 2019-20 HUD funding recommendations on their website, as originally promised.

**7. Adjournment at 5:58 p.m.**